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<sup>\*</sup> Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Gary I	Katcher	swear (or affirm) that, to the
best of i	my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and sup Libertas Partners LLC	pporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
Decembe	er 31 , 20 03 , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm	n) that neither the company nor any partner pro-
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(I)	An Oath or Affirmation.	
(m)	A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	
(n)	A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have ex	xisted since the date of the previous audit.

<sup>\*\*</sup> For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e) (3).



LIBERTAS PARTNERS, LLC (a development stage company) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2003

### GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants



# LIBERTAS PARTNERS, LLC (a development stage company)

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#### GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Member of Libertas Partners, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Libertas Partners, LLC (a development stage company) (a wholly owned subsidiary of Libertas Holdings, LLC) as of December 31, 2003. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit of the statement of financial condition provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Libertas Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2003 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP** 

Goldstein Golub Kessler LLP

March 22, 2004

# LIBERTAS PARTNERS, LLC (a development stage company)

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 2003	
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 813,660
Due from Broker	500,529
Total Assets	\$1,314,189
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	
Liabilities - accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 7,000
Member's Equity	1,307,189
Total Liabilities and Member's Equity	\$1,314,189

## LIBERTAS PARTNERS, LLC (a development stage company)

### NOTES TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION December 31, 2003

#### 1. ORGANIZATION:

Libertas Partners, LLC (the "Company"), a Delaware limited liability company, is a subsidiary of Libertas Holdings, LLC (the "Parent"). The Company is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD"). The Company commenced operations in February 2004.

The Company maintains cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has experienced no losses from such accounts.

# 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

This financial statement has been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which require the use of estimates by management.

### 3. DUE FROM BROKER:

At December 31, 2003, the receivable from the broker represents cash maintained at the clearing broker.

#### 4. INCOME TAXES:

No provision is made in the accompanying financial statement for federal or state income taxes since such liabilities are the responsibility of the Member.

### 5. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS:

As a registered broker-dealer and member of the NASD, the Company is subject to the Uniform Net Capital Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, which requires that the Company maintain a minimum net capital as defined of 6-2/3% of aggregate indebtedness, as defined, or \$5,000, whichever is greater. At December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of \$1,297,179, which exceeds the requirement of \$5,000 by \$1,292,179.

### 6. PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES:

No provision is made in the accompanying financial statement for federal or state income taxes since such liabilities are the responsibility of the Member.



LIBERTAS PARTNERS, LLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

**DECEMBER 31, 2003** 

### GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

To the Member of Libertas Partners, LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of Libertas Partners, LLC (the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2003, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons
- 2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.



Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2003 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report recognizes that it is not practicable in an organization the size of Libertas Partners, LLC to achieve all the divisions of duties and cross-checks generally included in a system of internal control and that, alternatively, greater reliance must be placed on surveillance by management.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and other regulatory agencies which rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**GOLDSTEIN GOLUB KESSLER LLP** 

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March 22, 2004